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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" In the Public Works Department, we have regularised certain sections. There are some casual labourers whom we employ according as we take up our expansion programmes. In the Highways department, the matter of regularising their appointments is under consideration."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of extending the rules applied to the maistris in the Public Works Department to those in the Highways Department also? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" That is under the active consideration of the department, Sir."

Overtime allowance to the employees of the Madras Government Press.

* 193 Q.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the employees of the Madras Government Press are asked to work overtime daily, and if so, the necessity for the same; and

(b) the total amount of (i) salary and (ii) overtime allowance paid monthwar to the technical employees of the Press from April 1954 to October 1954?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" As more than 50 per cent of their salary is paid as overtime allowance, may I know whether it will not be better and more profitable to have regular employees during the regular working hours instead of resorting to overtime work? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Sir, we are short of some machinery. That is the reason for our resorting to overtime work. Anyway, it is an attraction for the workers. Once we expand the Press and get sufficient machinery we can employ regular workers on a permanent basis."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works enlighten us as to whether there is any authority watching the need for such overtime work? Will the Government take effective steps to keep down the expenditure on overtime work by prescribing a return and having a check over such overtime allowances paid at Government level? "

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 160 infra.

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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" That suggestion of the hon. Member can be considered, Sir. There is the Controller of Stationery and Printing who keeps a close watch over this work."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" வேலைக்கு இயந்திரங்கள் எப்போது வரும் ? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Perhaps in the next budget, Sir."

SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" Is it not a fact that this overtime work is only seasonal? That is, this overtime work is resorted to when there is heavy work such as the budget session of the Legislature. That being so, is it not a fact that it will not be possible to employ persons on a regular basis? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Now practically we have got overtime work right through the year. Because, after the attainment of independence our work in the various fields has gradually been expanding. It will take some time before we can have an arrangement on a permanent basis."

Application for acquisition of house-sites by Harijans of Kudamangalam.

* 194 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Harijans of Kudamangalam, Cuddalore taluk, applied to the Revenue Divisional Officer, Cuddalore, about ten years back, for acquisition of sites for accommodation;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that they remitted Rs. 240 in that connection; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken by the authorities in the matter?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) to (*c*) A sum of Rs. 201–10–0 was remitted into the Cuddalore Sub-treasury in February 1940, towards payment for site proposed to be assigned to the Harijans of Konamangalam village. But no records are available to verify the details of the remittance and to show whether actually land acquisition proceedings were started or not. On a representation, dated 11th March 1954 from the Harijans of Konamangalam, the question of acquisition of suitable lands for the extension of the cheri has been taken up and proposals are awaited from the Collector of South Arcot."

SRI M. ETHIRAJULU :—" குடமங்கலத்திலுள்ள, ஹரிஜனங்கள் இன்னும் குடியிருப்பதற்கு வேண்டிய இடம் கிடைக்காமல் அவஸ்தைப் பட்டுக்கொண்டிருப்பதை சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரிவித்திருக்கிறார்கள். இந்தப் பணத்தைக் கொண்டு துரிதமாக நடவடிக்கை எடுக்க அங்கேயுள்ள ஜில்லா கலெக்டருக்கு சர்க்கார் தாக்கீது அனுப்புவார்களா ? "